

## **Skip Myers and Lew Hassett to Co-Chair Insurance & Reinsurance Group at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP**

Atlanta (Jan. 24, 2008) – Robert H. (“Skip”) Myers and Lewis E. Hassett have been named Co-Chairs of the Insurance and Reinsurance Group at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP. Myers specializes in insurance regulatory and antitrust matters and is based in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. Hassett focuses on insurance and reinsurance litigation and arbitrations and is based in the firm’s Atlanta office. Tom Player, formerly Chairman of the Group, will continue as a Senior Partner.

“This is a natural evolution of the Group’s leadership,” said Player. “Skip and Lew bring a broad scope and focused strength to the direction of the Group.” Player will continue practicing with the Group, concentrating on judging arbitrations and multi-state regulatory matters.

“We have some big shoes to fill,” said Hassett, “but we are well-positioned for the future.”

“We are fortunate that Tom will continue to lend his knowledge and judgment to our Group,” adds Myers.

The Insurance and Reinsurance Group represents insurers, reinsurers, agencies, program managers and administrators in a broad array of matters, including mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, corporate governance issues, corporate reorganizations, litigation and arbitrations, coverage matters, agency liability, regulatory matters, insolvencies, captives, and tax and securities issues. For example, during 2007, attorneys for the Group represented private equity firms Texas Pacific Group and Calera Capital in securing regulatory approvals for the \$635 million acquisition of Direct General; represented Lincoln Financial Group in its comprehensive reorganization of its insurance companies; and represented Goldman Sachs in a major life insurance assumption transaction.

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